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SUBJECT: MORE MINDANAO FANDANGO

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1. DELEGATION HEADED BY ISLAMIC CONFERENCE SEC GEN AMADOU KARIM GAYE ARRIVED MANILA APRIL 20. IT INCLUDED LIBYAN FONSEC AL TREKKI AND FOUR SECOND-LEVEL LEADERS OF MNLF. ACCORDING PRESS, MNLF SPOKESMAN, DR. ABDULA AMIN, SAID MNLF REJECTED APRIL 17 REFERENDUM "BECAUSE IT CONTRADICTS THE SPIRIT AND LETTER OF THE QADHAFI-MARCOS AGREEMENT OF MARCH 18 AND 19." HE SAID THAT THE FORMULA WAS EXPRESSED IN "SIMPLE TERMS.5

COMMENT: TRUE ENOUGH. END COMMENT.

2. SEC GEN GAYE MADE NO PUBLIC STATEMENT. HOWEVER, IT IS ALREADY GENERALLY ASSUMED IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES THAT GAYE WILL LODGE STRONG OBJECTION TO GOP'S INTERPRETATION OF CONFIDENTIAL

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AGREEMENTS REACHED IN TRIPOLI AND DEMAND ESTABLISHMENT OF 13- PROVINCE AUTONOMOUS REGION WITHOUT REFERENCE TO REFERENDUM, FINAL RESULTS OF WHICH NOT YET ANNOUNCED. PRESS IS EXPLAINING ARRIVAL OF NEW DELEGATION AFTER PEACE IN OUR TIME ALLEGEDLY ALREADY ACHIEVED BY STATING THAT GAYE WILL NEGOTIATE WITH GOP TO "FILL THE GAPS FOR THE FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THE MINDANAO PEACE PROBLEM."

3. SAME MORNING LIBYAN AMBASSADOR MOUSTPHA DREIZA PRESENTED CREDENTIALS TO MARCOS AT MALACANANG. PRESIDENT HEAPED FURTHER PRAISE ON LIBYANS FOR THEIR WISE AND BRILLIANT MEDIATION OF MINDANAO DISPUTE.

4. COMMENT: WE ARE HARD PRESSED TO CONJECTURE WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT. CLEARLY MARCOS CAN NOT PUBLICLY ABANDON RESULTS OF WIDELY TOUTED REFERENDUM. ON THE OTHER HAND, ISLAMIC CONFERENCE MAY ALSO HAVE LIMITED ROOM FOR MANEUVER, SINCE WE DOUBT EVEN LIBYANS ARE ANXIOUS TO PRECIPITATE VIOLENT BREAKDOWN OF CEASEFIRE. WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT PALACE LEGAL ACROBATS ARE HARD AT WORK AND IT CONCEIVABLE THAT THEY WILL COME UP WITH FACE-SAVING FORMULA. END COMMENT

5. POSTSCRIPT: ACCORDING NEWSWEEK CORRESPONDENT WHO JUST TALKED WITH NEWLY ARRIVED MNLF DELEGATES, THEY TOLD HIM THAT TALKS WITH GOP WILL BEGIN TOMORROW (APRIL 22). CORRESPONDENT SAID ALL FOUR ARE FILIPINO-MUSLIMS EMPLOYED BY SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT IN JIDDA. LEADER FOR MNLF GROUP WILL BE KAGIM JAJURI, MEMBER OF PROMINENT TAUSUG MNLF FAMILY FROM JOLO.
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